**Amendments to the Claims**:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A Coanda flow amplifier ~~(10, 10a, 10b, 10c)~~, comprising:

a suction intake; ~~(22, 22a, 22b, 22c),~~

an outlet; ~~(24, 24a, 24b, 24c)~~

a fluid channel [[(42)]] extending between the suction intake ~~(22, 22a, 22b, 22c)~~ and the outlet; ~~(24, 24a, 24b, 24c),~~ and

a drive flow inlet ~~(60, 602, 60b, 60c)~~ that is in fluid flow communication ~~fluid connection~~ with the fluid channel [[(42)]] via a drive-flow discharge slit; [[(66),]]

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the flow cross section of the drive-flow discharge slit [[(66)]] is variably adjustable.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the drive-flow discharge slit [[(66)]] can be completely closed.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to claim 1, wherein ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ the Coanda flow amplifier ~~(10, 10a, 10b, 10c)~~ comprises a flow-guiding element [[(26)]] that is arranged between the suction intake ~~(22, 22a, 22b, 22c)~~ and the outlet, ~~(24, 24a, 24b, 24c)~~ and is axially displaceable along a longitudinal axis [[(L)]] of the Coanda flow amplifier. ~~(10, 10a, 10b, 10c).~~

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein:

the suction intake ~~(22, 22a, 22b, 22c)~~ is arranged in a first housing section; [[(14)]] and

the drive-flow discharge slit [[(66)]] is formed between a downstream face [[(50)]] of the first housing section [[(14)]] and an upstream face [[(54)]] of the flow-guiding element. [[(26).]]

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to claim 3 ~~or 4, characterized in that~~ wherein at least in [[the]] an area

of the drive-flow discharge slit [[(66)]], the flow-guiding element [[(26)]] is surrounded by a chamber [[(64)]] that connects the drive-flow inlet ~~(60, 60a, 60b, 60c)~~ with the drive-flow discharge slit. [[(66).]]

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the auxiliary displaceable flow-guiding element [[(26)]] carries through to the second housing section [[(16)]] and is guided in the second housing section [[(16)]] in a sealed manner.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to ~~one of claims 3 to 6, characterized in that~~ claim 3, wherein:

the outlet ~~(24, 24a, 24b, 24c)~~ is arranged in a third housing section; and ~~(18), whereby~~

a downstream section [[(36)]] of the flow-guiding element [[(26)]] protrudes into the third housing section [[(18)]] and is guided in the third housing section [[(18)]] in a sealed manner.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to claim 7, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a sealing element ~~(38) to seal~~ seals the flow-guiding element [[(26)]] against the third housing section; and [[(18)]]

the sealing element is arranged in a groove [[(40)]] formed on the third housing section [[(18)]] and works together with a circumferential surface [[(32)]] of the flow-guiding element. [[(26).]]

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to ~~one of claims 6 to 8, characterized in that~~ claim 6, wherein quasi-static sealing elements are provided to seal the flow-guiding element [[(26)]] against at least one of the second ~~and/or~~ and third housing ~~section (16,18).~~ sections.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to ~~one of claims 3 to 9, characterized in that~~ claim 3, wherein an actuating element [[(68)]] is provided to effect the axial displacement of the flow-guiding element. [[(26).]]

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the actuating element [[(68)]] is a piezo actuator.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The Coanda flow amplifier according to ~~one of claims 10 or 11, characterized in that~~ claim 10, wherein the flow-guiding element [[(26)]] is resiliently pre-loaded in a direction opposite to

the fluid-flow direction [[(F)]] in the fluid channel [[(42)]] to close the drive-flow discharge slit [[(66)]] when the actuating element [[(68)]] is in its inactive state.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a Coanda flow amplifier ~~(10, 10a, 10b, 10c)~~ having a suction intake, an outlet, a fluid channel extending between the suction intake and the outlet, and a drive flow inlet that is in fluid flow communication with the fluid channel via a drive-flow discharge slit, wherein the flow cross section of the drive-flow discharge slit is variably adjustable; said method comprising:

feeding a fluid flow that is to be amplified to a suction intake; ~~(22, 22a, 22b, 22c),~~

feeding a drive-flow to [[a]] the drive-flow inlet; ~~(60, 60a, 60b, 60c), whereby the drive-flow inlet (60, 60a, 60b, 60c) is fluid-connected by a drive-flow discharge slit (66) to a fluid channel (42) that extends between the suction intake (22, 22a, 22b, 22c) and an outlet (24, 24a, 24b, 24c),~~

~~characterized in that~~ adjusting a variable flow cross section of the drive-flow discharge slit ~~(66) is adjusted in~~ such ~~a way so~~ that a pressure ratio between the output pressure of the drive flow when it leaves the drive-flow discharge slit [[(66)]] and an intake pressure of the drive flow when it enters the drive-flow discharge slit [[(66)]] does not exceed a critical pressure ratio.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the variable flow cross section of the drive-flow discharge slit [[(66)]] is adjusted so that the pressure ratio between the output pressure of the drive flow when it leaves the drive-flow discharge slit [[(66)]] and the intake pressure of the drive flow when it enters the drive-flow discharge slit [[(66)]] is equal to the critical pressure ratio.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell system ~~(80; 90)~~ comprising:

at least one fuel cell; ~~(82, 92),~~

a fluid source; ~~(82, 92),~~

a fluid line; ~~(84; 100, 106, 112),~~

a Coanda flow amplifier ~~(10, 10a, 10b, 10c)~~ arranged in the fluid line, with ~~(84; 100, 106, 112), whereby~~ both a suction intake ~~(22, 22a, 22b, 22c)~~ and an outlet ~~(24, 24a, 24b, 24c)~~ of the Coanda flow amplifier ~~(10, 10a, 10b, 10c) are~~ being fluid-connected to the fluid line ~~(84; 100, 106, 112),~~ and ~~whereby~~ a drive-flow inlet ~~(60; 60a, 60b, 60c)~~ of the Coanda flow amplifier being ~~(10, 10a, 10b, 10c) is~~ fluid-connected to the fluid source; ~~(88; 102, 110, 116),~~

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the Coanda flow amplifier ~~(10, 10a, 10b, 10c) is a Coanda flow amplifier (10; 10a, 10b, 10c) according to one of claims 1 to 11.~~ includes,

a suction intake;

an outlet;

a fluid channel extending between the suction intake and the outlet; and

a drive flow inlet that is in fluid flow communication with the fluid channel via a drive-flow discharge slit;

wherein the flow cross section of the drive-flow discharge slit is variably adjustable.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fluid line ~~(84; 100, 106, 112)~~ is a purge-gas feed line [[(84)]] that is connected to the fuel cell. [[(82).]]

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fluid line ~~(84; 100, 106, 112)~~ is a cathode gas supply line [[(100)]] that is connected to the fuel cell. [[(82).]]

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fluid line ~~(84; 100, 106, 112)~~ is a cold-starting-gas supply line that is connected to a cold-starting component.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fluid line ~~(84; 100, 106, 112)~~ is an exhaust-gas recirculation line ~~(106, 112)~~ for the recirculation of fuel cell exhaust gas.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the exhaust gas recirculation line ~~(106, 112)~~ is an anode-exhaust-gas recirculation line [[(112)]] for the recirculation of anode exhaust gas and the anode gas is supplied to the fuel cell [[(92)]] from the fluid source. [[(116).]]